

Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

Jump for Joy!



Crayola Supplies

- Scissors
- School Glue
- Washable Kid's Paint
- Model Magic® (colored)
- Paint Rollers

Other Supplies

- recycled newspaper
- Party Express paper plates
- paper towels
- chenille sticks
- recycled produce bag

Why?

Jumping gymnasts! Craft this miniature trampoline with recycled materials and Model Magic®--for the pure joy of it!

How?

1. Can you fly? Jumping on a trampoline is close. Bounce around. Do flips and twists. What could be more fun? The word *trampoline* comes from Spanish and means *springboard*. Here's one way to create your own pretend springboard to fun.
2. Roll a handful of colorful Crayola Model Magic into six short columns.
3. Bend over three chenille stems to form arches for the trampoline's supports and net holders. Poke the ends of the chenille stems into the bases. Air-dry your base overnight.
4. Cover your craft area with newspaper. With Crayola Brushes and Washable Kid's Paint, paint a small paper plate to look like a trampoline. Paint a rim around the edges for the spring cover. Air-dry your trampoline.
5. Form some jumpers out of Model Magic. Capture the fun body moves gymnasts make when they jump up and down. Air-dry the gymnasts.
6. If you wish, glue the gymnasts on the trampoline with Crayola School Glue.

7. Place a drop of glue on the top inside of each base. Lay the plate upon the six supports. Weigh down the plate with the glue bottle. Let dry.
8. Cut and connect netting from a produce bag to form a strip long enough to encircle the outside of the trampoline. Attach netting with glue to supports. Air-dry the glue.

When and Where Suggestions?

- "We made this model to encourage us to save to buy our own trampoline." Joan C., mom of 6- and 7-year-olds.
- "This was one of the models we made when we talked about physical activities that people do outside of traditional team sports." Rhina K., after-school volunteer.

Interesting Information

In the early 20th century, a circus performance so inspired George Nissan that at the age of 11, he began to develop a bouncing table for fun and not just circus stunts. He gathered springs, rubber inner tubing, and metal framing. He even bought a heavy-duty sewing machine with his own money. Twelve years later, he demonstrated and sold his "trampoline."

Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children age 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

ATTENTION: The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.

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Model Magic® and other modeling compounds: Keep finished product away from open flame. Do not mold into candleholders or other like items for use around flame. Do not put in oven, microwave, or kiln.

Related Books

Philippe Halsman's Jump Book by Phillipe Halsman

Spider Trampoline: A Storybook for Children and Families by Laurie Palazzolo

Trampolining: A Complete Handbook by Dennis Horne

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Champion Acrobats of China: Flying Lotus

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